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IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. An identifier indicating the status of each claim is provided.

Listing of Claims

1-18. (Canceled)

19. (Previously Presented) A commercial transaction system comprising:
a robot apparatus manager that manages a robot apparatus so that the robot apparatus performs a predetermined action when it detects predetermined information;
a product distributor that acquires the predetermined information relating to a contract made between the robot apparatus manager and the product distributor and appended to a product for sale to a user of the robot apparatus; and
robot apparatus which detects the predetermined information appended to the product purchased by the user and performs a predetermined action based on the detected predetermined information.

20. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 19, wherein the robot apparatus acts autonomously based on an external and/or internal factor.

21. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 19, wherein:
the robot apparatus manager is a manufacturer or distributor of the robot apparatus which manages the robot apparatus so that the robot apparatus performs the

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predetermined action based on the detected predetermined information acquired and sold under the contract with the product distributor.

22. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 21, wherein:
the robot apparatus is adapted to perform the predetermined action based on action information stored in a storage unit provided therein;
wherein the manufacturer or distributor stores, into the storage unit, predetermined action information according to the contract with the product distributor; and
wherein the robot apparatus performs the predetermined action based on the predetermined action information read from the storage unit upon detection of the predetermined information appended to the product.

23. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 19, wherein:
the robot apparatus has a memory for storing information on the contract made between the manufacturer or distributor and the product distributor; and
the robot apparatus reads information stored on the product which includes at least information on a supply source of the product, such that the robot apparatus performs the predetermined action when the supply source, based on the contract-related information stored in the memory, is found to have made a predetermined contract with the manufacturer or distributor and the product distributor.

24. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 19, wherein:
the predetermined information includes at least two pieces of information on the attribute of a product available from the product distributor; and

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the robot apparatus detects at least one of the two pieces of information appended to the product and performs the predetermined action based on the detected information.

25. (Canceled)

26. (Canceled)

27. (Previously Presented) A robot apparatus having a plurality of movable parts, comprising:

a memory which stores information relating to a contract between a manufacturer or distributor of the robot apparatus and a third party; and

reading means for reading information stored on a product and which concerns at least a supply source of the product;

wherein the robot apparatus performs a predetermined action when the information read by the reading means regarding the supply source of the product is detected from the contract-related information as having made a predetermined contract with the manufacturer or distributor.

28. (Currently Amended) The robot apparatus according to Claim 27, wherein the product is selected from ~~the~~ a group consisting of a personal computer, a mobile telephone, canned juice, bagged candy or a CD case.

29. (Previously Presented) The robot apparatus according to Claim 27, wherein the information regarding the supply source is provided by a bar code.

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30. (Currently Amended) The robot apparatus according to ~~claim 17~~Claim
27, wherein the information regarding the supply source is provided by a cyber code.